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Testimony by Representative Pam Sawyer

Public Health Committee

House Bill 5452

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RE: In Support – Volunteer Health Care Services on a Temporary Basis

Good morning Chairmen Harris and Ritter, Ranking Members Debicella and Giegler, and members of the Public Health Committee. For the record, I am Representative Pam Sawyer, representing the 55th District. I am here today to speak in favor of **House Bill 5452** AAC The Provision Of Volunteer Health Care Services On A Temporary Basis.

Thank you for your consideration to allow the Department of Public Health to grant temporary licensure for out-of-state medical personnel.

This common sense legislation expands our ability as a state to allow free medical services through specialty events sponsored by generous group. These events are widely used by the impoverished, underserved populations both in urban and rural areas.

The review of the clients served has proved that they often have not accessed other medical or dental care when they have been in need of health care.

Allowing professionals who wish to donate their time and energy and great depth of training, will open up more access to the valuable medical and dental care.

These professionals are well trained, experienced and a devoted group. Connecticut simply has to be flexible, looking across state lines to allow doctors, dentists and other valuable medical personnel to be the caregivers, mostly for emergency issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **House Bill 5452** and I ask the Committee to act favorably on this bill.